

Wednesday got my paper for it diminished. I have
been making payments & getting remitted in
until it is finally reduced to \$1000.

Most earnestly do I hope that you will be
enabled to carry out the plan of pecuniary
for dependents, while you desire to me-
& most kindly would like help you might
out. I do not know how we shall get along
in this state. The total ~~failure~~ of my usual
contributors & the shortcoming portion of the
late will be severely felt. Nonetheless, I hope
we shall give Bury & Hale ~~the~~ ^{the} money
etc.

I have this day sent to the Friend of man
a long letter to Maud and Cincinnati,
in answer this which obtruded a question
how ever is the Philanthropist. My
letter is signed but not too much so.

Yours
Lusk

Refined Justice
Lemuel Lusk

Gerrit Smith Esq.

Potsdam Aug 3 1840

Rev. A. A. Phelps

Dry den brother,

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I this day receive your letter - &
my very least - a day however I cannot tell
but you wish me to do help on the gen^d
cause of independent nomination. The truth
is I have felt for the last six months as though
I were approaching bankruptcy. I was rich when
young have drawn me in for upward of
a hundred fifty thousand dollars - a total
ineffective loss. I am struggling through my
last year now - and among my expenses
are these running money at 14 to 20%
in interest. I began with the help of the day, &
got through, & when hundred of others had left.
But the times render the help very difficult. At
any rate draw give away nothing for a year
to come. I was not able to contribute a dollar
toward helping delegates to the London Convention.
I have not yet paid the whole amt. of my submis-
tion of \$10000 last year to the Am. Anti-Slavery Society.